

## arter: Will 'keep quiet' until Mideast talks end it speaks of 'Palestine' to reporters

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter says that he wants to "keep quiet" until the Arab-Israeli conflict is resolved. He said in a White House press conference today, the President said: "It is best until I have met with the leaders to minimize my own comments on the subject. I have said as best I could some of the things concerning borders, the definition of the Palestinian people, the definition of the Jewish people, the definition of the Jewish state. These are three major issues. Now that the foreign leaders have given their own suggestions, I am going to get responses from them. I will make further comments then."

Carter's use of the word "Palestine" raised some eyebrows. American officials were quick to point out that the President was referring to the official position of the United States, not to the three issues involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The issues are the nature of the borders and the Palestinian people. Carter insisted that no significance should be given to Carter's use of the word "Palestine," and noted that President Ford had quickly added the word "the" to the definition of the "Palestinian people."

The State Department, meanwhile, denied that the U.S. now adopted the concept of a West

Bank-Gaza Strip state. (This has been alleged in several recent interviews by Egyptian foreign minister Ismail Fahmy and Egyptian prime minister Hosni Mubarak.)

Spokesman Hoddie Carter, asked on Friday about the Fahmy-Mubarak statements, issued the following response:

"The U.S. government has said repeatedly that the Palestinian issue is one of three key issues to be solved in the Middle East conflict. The other two are the nature of peace and boundaries. We are in the process of discussing all these issues with the governments concerned. We have taken no position on how any of these issues should be resolved. We have said repeatedly it is up to the parties concerned to settle them in negotiations."

It has also been learned here that Israel has been seeking clarification of the U.S. position on the Palestinian question in light of the recent visit to Washington by Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

Carter met on Friday for 45 minutes with visiting Syrian foreign minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam. Afterward, the White House announced that Syrian president Hafez el-Assad will meet with the U.S. president on May 9 in Geneva.

Carter met with Jordan's King Hussein in Washington on Monday. At his Friday press conference, Carter said that he has "continued my own study of the Middle East question" during recent weeks. Noting that he had already met with

## Moscow reassures Damascus

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Damascus yesterday indicated that the Soviet Union has pledged to throw its political weight behind Syria but would not accelerate the present rate of military supplies pending the outcome of current Middle East diplomatic efforts.

The Damascus official newspaper, "al-Thawra," said that the Soviet Union conveyed its readiness "to increase Syria's defensive means in the event of an overall solution is achieved" in the overall solution is achieved.

The paper's comment followed Friday's return of Syrian President Hafez Assad to Damascus from a five-day Soviet tour during which he conferred with Kremlin leaders. Assad is scheduled to meet U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Europe next month.

Unconfirmed reports said that the Soviets prepared the Syrians for the possibility of a new position of diplomatic ties between Moscow and Damascus. A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization in Cairo said over the weekend that the Soviets had notified the PLO of the eventuality of renewed ties with Israel, thus confirming a report to this effect first filed by The Jerusalem Post Washington correspondent, Wolf Blitzer.

A joint communiqué was issued by Moscow and Damascus at the conclusion of Assad's visit. The communiqué called for an early resumption of talks.

## U.S. policy drift to be discussed by Peres' Cabinet today

By DAVID LANDAU  
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Shimon Peres will chair his first cabinet meeting as Acting Premier today and will immediately confront pressing problems on the labor relations front and a sense of concern about the drift of America's Middle East policy. Observers do not expect any dramatic changes in the method or style of running the government during the few short weeks remaining before the elections.

Yitzhak Rabin, who continues to bear the responsibilities of the premiership during his vacation, will receive reports of cabinet meetings from Cabinet Secretary Gershon Avner, and regular briefings on political and military developments from the staff of the Premier's Bureau.

Peres will inform the ministers of the arrangements he has made with Rabin for keeping the Premier informed and in touch. The two men met in Tel Aviv on Friday for a final run-down on the problems and priorities currently facing the premiership.

The cabinet is to hear up-to-date reports on the merchant marine strike and the strike of Kupat Holim doctors. Peres was already involved yesterday, together with Health Minister Shmueli and Finance Minister Rabinowitz, in last-minute negotiations on the doctors' demands.

Government economic officials are apparently hoping for a tough stand from Peres in the face of a worsening situation on the labor-relations front.

The main item on tomorrow's cabinet agenda is a foreign affairs

survey from Foreign Minister Allon — and this will be heard against the backdrop of deepening worry in Jerusalem at what is perceived as an unfavorable drift in U.S. policy towards the Middle East.

While officials hesitate to point to specific instances of dispute or disagreement with Washington, they seem uncomfortable as the process of high-level Arab state visits through the U.S. capital. Egypt's President Sadat is now acknowledged here to have spoken eloquently — not only about his country's purported pro-Western role in Africa, but also about his peace aims and demands — and to have left a powerful impression.

As this first round of President Carter's consultations with regional leaders comes to an end (he is to meet Syria's Assad in Europe on May 9), it becomes ever more apparent to Israel policy-makers that the Administration's determination to press for an overall settlement is an unalterable fact. The showdown over Israel's peace borders, which Kissinger so carefully avoided, seems therefore no longer avoidable. President Carter's declared views on this subject (like those of his predecessors) are, moreover, not to Israel's liking.

At the same time, President Sadat seemed during his Washington visit to move closer to Carter's (and Israel's) position on the "nature of peace," speaking for the first time of the possibility of "normalization" within five years of a peace treaty.

Carter's "homeland" remark, in reference to a Palestinian solution, continues, furthermore, to echo unpleasantly in Jerusalem, and of

## Seamen's strike may end today

By YACOV FRIEDLER  
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HAIFA. — The port strike of the Marine Officers Union is likely to end today — 19 days after it started — following the union's agreement to the Histadrut. The Histadrut expelled the union a week ago after the officers defied the labor federation's ultimatum calling for them to return to work immediately.

The union's agreement represents a major concession on the part of the officers and opens the way for settling the long and costly strike, which the union and the shipping companies were unable to end on their own.

The agreement is also a major achievement for the shipping companies, which had rejected all union proposals for ending the strike on compromise terms without Histadrut involvement.

The agreement was reached yesterday at a Tel Aviv meeting between the union's secretary and Urie Abrahams, head of the Histadrut's Trade Union Department. This meeting resulted from six hours of negotiations on Friday afternoon between the union and the shipping companies' managements.

The union's 16-man council convened in Haifa last night to approve the agreement.

As a gesture of goodwill, the union agreed to vacate the three ships which have been blocking the Haifa port container terminals and Dagon grain silo berths.

However, union secretary Captain Yeshayahu Gromi told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the concession did not represent a surrender on the union's part. In fact, he said, the ships will not move from Haifa nor will ships outside the ports enter the harbours until a "clear agreement" is reached at a meeting scheduled today with the Histadrut.

The Ratings Union and the shipping companies are also scheduled to take part in the meeting.

He said that the union is demanding the establishment of a committee of independent experts to rule on future relations in the merchant navy, but it will agree that the Histadrut is represented on the committee, which the union previously had opposed.

Iszy Rosenfeld, agent of the American Export Line, told The Post last night that the big container ship, Export Freedom, had already reached Naples with the \$8m. worth of imports she could not unload in Haifa because of the strike. He said the cargo will be unloaded in Naples and that he will make arrangements for another ship, Export Leader, to bring the merchandise from Naples to Haifa on May 3.

The Export Freedom had also been scheduled to pick up \$4m. worth of exports to the U.S.

The "tremendous" losses to the country's importers and exporters were stressed by Asiel Meholal, the director of the shippers' council, who estimated a "billion dollars worth of goods" stuck by the strike. Meholal said shippers will in the future prefer foreign ships "because we cannot take such losses," unless the shipping companies guaranteed no more strikes for the duration of the labour contracts in the merchant fleet.

Zim general manager Yehuda Rotem put the direct loss suffered by Zim at near the \$2m. mark, but claimed that the loss in credibility and goodwill was even greater. He maintained that the dispute was not over a few thousand dollars in differential pay, but over the very future of the merchant navy.

Adam Chisk, union secretary, said earlier that he would never sign away the union's right to strike, but if a fair contract can be worked out, there is "no reason" for strikes.

The Ratings Union, deeply concerned over its future, made it clear that it will "come into the picture" if the officers are given any concessions. The ratings called on the officers to "sit down together to work out our future," noting that though they represent opposing interests, "we sail in the same ships together."

## ighting slows down in southern Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Heavy fighting on Thursday around the rightist enclave of Metulla was relative yesterday with only sporadic exchanges of artillery and small fire.

Lebanese officer told reporters that the Good Fence at Metulla that the incidents were minor and that there were no casualties. But he added that three Moslem residents of the enclave were kidnapped early yesterday morning.

Rightist sources in Beirut said, expect this kind of brief respite to continue. We are sending a 1st that our forces are still there reckoned with."

Lebanese sources in Beirut told that several shells fell on the leftist command centre in Nabatiya. Sources said that the Israeli joined the Christians in shell their positions.

Palestinians appeared to be internally weakened by their running internal disputes. n-controlled Sa'eka terrorists d shots with anti-Syrian leftists d separate incidents in southern non on Thursday. Members of middle-of-the-road Fatah intended to stop the fighting, Palesti-sources said.

Beirut members of the ex-let "rejection front" killed two bers of the predominately in Arab peacekeeping forces. As of the incident remained un-

However, the Syrian sources that "two members of the Arab rent forces" were killed "near entrance to the Sabra refugee a and the rejectionists later d over two of the men involved a deterrent forces."

A senior Syrian official yesterday conveyed a message from Syrian President Assad to Lebanese President Elias Sarkis on the situation in southern Lebanon.

Colonel Mohammed Al-Kholi, member of the four-man committee in charge of implementing the latest truce in Lebanon, said after calling on President Sarkis that peace in southern Lebanon could be achieved by the deployment of a regular Lebanese force in the area.

Sarkis favours stronger curbs on the Palestinians than the Syrians. Political sources say Sarkis is trying to find the middle ground between the rightists' demands and the Syrians' reluctance to weaken the leftists.

Meanwhile, efforts to help the beleaguered Christians in southern Lebanon continue to centre around the Good Fence at Metulla. A group of Americans from the Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, California, arrived yesterday at the Good Fence and handed over a first donation of \$2,500 to the Christian community in southern Lebanon. Head of the group, the Reverend Chuck Smith, said his congregants wish to prove that Christians throughout the world do care about the fate of the Lebanese Christians.

Israeli organizations and individuals acting on their own are continuing to send sums of money, food and clothes. Magen David Adom is organizing first aid courses to be held in Arabic for south Lebanese villagers. The courses will be held in Israel near the Good Fence. Magen David Adom has also sent 12 packs of military first aid equipment to be distributed in Lebanese villages.

## Full ties with Portugal tomorrow

By MALKA RABINOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Portugal will announce tomorrow — its national day — that it is establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. This was announced here on Friday night by Bayard Rustin, the Black leader and friend of Israel, at a trade union reception for visiting Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares and for the Israeli Ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog.

The announcement was greeted with enthusiastic applause and Soares embraced the Israel envoy.

## Cairo: U.S. aid of \$2b. for next year

CAIRO (AFP). — U.S. aid to Egypt will amount to \$2 billion next year, the Middle East News Agency reported on Friday, based on economic sources in Egypt.

Details were announced on the occasion of the opening session of a joint Egyptian-American committee on economic cooperation. It will discuss, among other things, establishment of a U.S.-Egyptian chamber of commerce, a factory plant and a newspaper factory, as well as expansion of the existing cement works.

## Treasury checking Eban's dollar transactions

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Treasury spokesman said last night that his office was not conducting an "investigation" into Abba Eban's foreign currency accounts. All they were doing, he said, was checking whether the former Foreign Minister's transactions through these accounts, both held in the U.S., were in accordance with the terms of the permit he had received some 10 years ago.

The Treasury began looking into the matter a week ago on receipt of an anonymous letter charging Eban, No. 3 on the Alignment's list of candidates and potential Foreign Minister again, with foreign currency violations such as Prime Minister and Mrs. Yitzhak Rabin were recently found guilty of.

Eban himself has admitted that he did not apply for a renewal of the permit when it expired, with all others for personal accounts abroad, in February 1975. But, the Treasury spokesman said, many people had not troubled to renew their permits as, he admitted, the demand that this be done had not been adequately publicized.

The spokesman said that failure to renew the permit would be considered a mere technical error and not subject to prosecution. No further action would be taken, therefore, if transactions since then were in accordance with the terms of the permit.

Eban himself asserted last night that the accounts were held with legal authorization.

Three hours after news of the week-old investigation was broadcast by Israel Radio, Eban issued a

statement saying:

"For nearly 10 years I have maintained accounts in foreign currency abroad in accordance with a declaration and permit required by law. These accounts are necessitated by my literary and academic activities abroad."

"Transfer of funds from these accounts to Israel has been made continuously and openly through Bank Leumi Le-Israel in Israel. It is evident that the bank also acted in accordance with the same declaration and permit."

Sources close to Eban explained that over the past two years he had transferred to Israel a large part of what he earned abroad — from his books, lectures and academic work. Much of the remainder comprises advances from his publishers, Random House, for two books he has undertaken to write: one an autobiography, and the other a textbook on diplomatic methods.

The sources explained that he must keep this money in dollars and available in New York — to be returned to the publishers in the event of his failing to deliver the books. (The first part of the autobiography is due out shortly, but the other book would probably be shelved if Eban comes back into the government after the elections.)

The sources added that Eban needs money abroad, too, to pay his literary agent, and to pay the salaries of his full-time secretary in New York and his research assistant who is helping him gather material for the diplomatic textbook. He also uses the money abroad for his own frequent and often lengthy visits to the U.S. and other countries.

The sources insisted that all Eban's earnings abroad are faithfully reported to the income tax authorities. He pays tax on his lecture fees in the U.S. to the American government.

## Explosion feared as Norway's oil gushes into North Sea

OSLO (UPI). — A giant oil spill caused by the first major blowout in Europe's North Sea fields threatened to explode yesterday as an international array of experts gathered to battle oil gushing at the rate of 4,000 tons a day.

A helicopter cannot land on the platform, neither can a ship get near it. The exhaust could be enough to set it on fire and turn it into a torchlight," said a spokesman for the American Phillips Petroleum Company which operates the Bravo platform in Norway's Ekofisk field.

The field, the first-discovered and largest in the North Sea, supplies all Norway's oil needs.

The platform's 112-man crew was evacuated when the blowout began late Friday night. Yesterday it was feeding a 80km-long oil slick being whipped eastward by gale-force winds towards the coasts of Norway and Denmark.

Norwegian authorities warned all North Sea countries about the disaster, and asked for chemicals and special oil nets to help contain the slick.

Paul "Red" Adair, a leading American expert on oil blowouts, was summoned to Phillips headquarters in Stavanger, Norway, yesterday. Officials said he and another expert plan to enter Bravo with a small rubber boat. Meanwhile the fire vessel Seaway Falcon sprayed water on the platform to reduce the fire hazard.

A Phillips spokesman said the platform was being "worked over" — jargon for routine maintenance — when the accident happened, and its blowout preventer had been removed as part of the procedure.

When this is done, heavy mud is poured down the hole to maintain pressure. "But it looks as though there was a sudden upward movement in the pressure," the spokesman said.

Another spokesman said the company was considering trying to replug the hole, but he was not sure this could be done.

The only alternative was to drill a relief well, and according to oil sources such an operation could take a month. Another platform left Stavanger for the Ekofisk field yesterday in case drilling a relief hole would be necessary.

"The leakage is the most severe case of pollution since the search for oil in the North Sea started in 1969," said Hans Christian Bugge, director of Norwegian state pollution control. Bugge confirmed that Bravo was in danger of exploding.

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Nahariya 75	10-14	15
Safed 80	9-11	14
Haifa Port		
Tiberias 80	16-24	24
Nazareth 84	13-14	15
Afula 88	14-19	20
Shomron 78	10-18	14
Tel Aviv 78	15-18	19
B-G Airport 59	10-15	19
Jericho 79	17-23	25
Gaza 85	14-19	19
Beerseba 89	14-18	19
Eilat 84	21-22	25
Piran Straits 43	22-28	30

### ARRIVALS

Actor Emily Williams, to take part in the Spring Festival in Jerusalem.

Burt Harig, head of the trade union federation in North Rhine Westphalia, for a week's visit as guest of the Tel Aviv Labour Council.

Lorna and Stanley Snee of the Snee travel agency, in Johannesburg, South Africa, associated with Packer Tours, Jerusalem, leading the Star Family Tour for a three-week tour of Israel (by El Al).

### DEPARTURES

Prof. Shlomo Avineri, director general of the Foreign Ministry, to the U.S.

Moshe Sanbar, former governor of the Bank of Israel, to the U.S.

## Bonn opposes military trial for 2 Germans

By BRIAN ARTHUR  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN — West Germany believes a planned military trial of two of its citizens in Israel on charges of terrorism belongs properly in a civilian court with full public access, Bonn Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday.

However, the Germans are waiting for further clarifications from Israel in the cases of Brigitte Schulz, 23, and Thomas Reuter, 24, who were seized in Kenya over a year ago and brought to Israel after they allegedly tried to shoot down an El Al passenger plane in Nairobi.

Israel, in response to a German request, last week officially elaborated on some aspects of the affair, but the Germans are still not satisfied and "insist" on additional information on the charges against Schulz and Reuter, the circumstances of their transfer from Kenya to Israel, and on their defence and trial arrangements.

Bonn wants certainty that the two suspects get a "fair trial," officials said. While remaining firm on this point, they apparently hope the matter can be resolved quietly through diplomatic channels, after the in part sensational German press coverage of the past few weeks.

Relations between the two countries were clouded when the West German government protested to Jerusalem at the end of last month that it was told only two weeks earlier — one day before an official visit by Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher in Israel — that Schulz and Reuter had been held secretly in an Israeli prison since January 1976.

Israel has informed Bonn in the meantime that it will be able to send an observer to the military trial and that the two German defendants have a choice of attorneys from an official list containing 1,329 names.

The trial was scheduled to open before the end of this month, but German officials do not rule out a delay.

## Israeli oranges, flowers handed out in West German streets

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN — German-Jewish students gave away thousands of Israeli-grown oranges and flowers to passersby in four major West German cities yesterday, in an attempt to Israel's Independence Day.

The action, the second of its kind in the last two years, was part of an effort to promote good will for Israel in the Federal Republic. The students chose Saturday because most Germans are out in the streets shopping and because last Thursday (Independence Day) was a working day in West Germany.

The student effort flanked Independence Day ceremonies sponsored by local Jewish communities in Germany and the Israeli Embassy in Bonn last Thursday.

Mainly German, but also Israeli students set up stands in Munich, Frankfurt, West Berlin and Aachen and distributed information folders on Israel. In Aachen, Israeli folk artist Aviva Semadar sang folk songs and Israeli music was played over loudspeakers in the other cities.

This year's action was bigger than last year's. This time, the Israeli farm export organization Agrexco donated 12,000 flowers and over 100 crates of oranges bearing "Greetings from Israel" stickers.

The students did not accept money for their activities, but Germans who wished to give got a Jewish National Fund certificate stating that their contributions would go towards planting a tree in Israel.



Tel Aviv beaches, which opened late last week, were full on Friday, as seen in this picture taken at the Country Club beach. But the bathing season was abruptly interrupted yesterday when Friday's shmurav turned into cold wind and rain in most parts of the country. The unseasonable

weather sent thousands of campers and holidaymakers scurrying home from planned weekends out of doors, but Galilee farmers were pleased with the rain. In Western Galilee the total rainfall for the year is now 700 mm. — 50-70 mm. more than the annual average. (IIPA)

## British mime opens Jerusalem spring festival

By MENDEL KOHANSKY  
Post Drama Critic

The Spring in Jerusalem festival got under way last night in blustery, wintry weather with an appearance by Julian Chagrin, the British mime comedian.

Chagrin is an exceptionally funny man. In one number, representing a western movie, he was the villain, the good guy, the girl in distress, the horse and even the lasso which finished off the bad guy. He is a consummate imitator who can play most convincingly a chicken, an old hag in curlers having her morning cigarette, a dog, even a typewriter.

Chagrin deals mostly with the frustrations of everyday life: getting up in the morning to go to work, the problem of catching the waiter's eye in a restaurant. He is a master of the acute psychological observation which he demonstrated in the hilarious encore detailing the various kinds of laughter of which people are capable.

The crowded hall of the Jerusalem Khan resounded to the quite complicated laughter of an amused audience.

## Allon tells French left-wing weekly: No peace in Mideast without ensuring Palestinian rights

PARIS (Reuter) — Israel's Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said in an interview published today that he believes peace cannot be achieved in the Middle East without taking into account the right of the Palestinians to have a fatherland.

Asked for his views on President Carter's recent statement that the Palestinians had a right to a homeland, Allon told the left-wing weekly news magazine "Le Nouvel Observateur": "For myself, I would say that we should refuse a peace that would not take into account a fatherland for the Palestinians."

But he added one condition, that a new Palestinian state should not be completely cut off from its Jordanian neighbour, "so that it would not be irrelevant and aggressive towards us."

Allon said: "What we would accept would be a Palestinian state politically bound to Jordan, with one overall sovereignty but two autonomous regions on one side and the other of the river Jordan."

Asked whether he would be prepared to accept the presence of PLO chief Yasser Arafat at a resumed Middle East peace conference in Geneva, Allon replied: "So long as the philosophy upheld by the PLO is one of genocide, we cannot discuss with their representatives."

Allon said Israel had agreed to negotiate at Geneva "with a delegation not entirely Jordanian, but officially Jordanian-Palestinian."

This means, he said, "that we accept Palestinian negotiators as they are, and that we will not ask them for their credentials."

Allon acknowledged that there could be a misunderstanding with President Carter over the final delimitation of Israel's borders, and what the U.S. president meant when he talked of "minor changes in frontiers."

"If these changes assure our defence, we will be in agreement. If it is a question of changes without taking into account the military situation, we shall have a serious disagreement with the United States," Allon said.

## U.S. due to approve Kfir for Austria

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has decided to approve the sale of Kfir-C9 fighter planes to Austria during the past days that final American approval of the sale of Kfir-C9 fighter planes to Austria will be forthcoming, U.S. officials have told Israel. The U.S. probably will not block the sale because Austria is a developed country with a justified military need for the planes.

According to these sources, the now up to the Austrian Government to determine whether they wish to proceed with the purchase, as long as the purchase is in line with U.S. policy.

The proposed deal is for 24 planes at a total cost estimated at \$240 million, and \$140 million.

Apparently the Soviet Union and some Arab states are pressing Austrians not to go ahead with the purchase. Reports from Austria yesterday said no decision was reached in the near future and "the problem is money."

Earlier this year the Carter administration blocked the sale of Kfir jets to Ecuador. Because Kfir uses an American-made General Electric J-79 engine, U.S. has veto power over its export. (While indicating that the sale with Austria will be approved, officials are still adamant about approving proposed Kfir sales to other Latin American countries.)

## 'U.S. section has no stand on WZO changes'

By MALKA RABINOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK — Discussion has begun on a plan to streamline the World Zionist Organization, according to the chairman of the overall American section, Charlotte Jacobson. On Friday she denied a report that the Hebrew press of wider scope, resistance to the proposal.

"The American section has no position on the reorganization plan of Prof. Ra'anan Weissman," she said, "but has only started process of discussing it and certainly has not reached any conclusion."

She added that a first report is ready only in time for the Z.O. Congress next February and the plan was already valuable "stimulating discussion" on "problems."

In her statement, Mrs. Jacobson did not directly react to allegations in the press report last Friday against resistance to the plan reflected in the influence and power of the Jewish Agency Executive.

But rumblings about the leadership have been heard since other parts of the organization, namely the WZO, president, Yigal Allon, said in a recent interview that he would like to see the Jewish Agency Executive replaced by a new body, the Jewish Agency Council, which would be responsible for the day-to-day running of the agency.

Mrs. Jacobson vigorously defended the mission here of Mordechai Ben-Ari, who arrived in January, a nine-month tour to develop greater community involvement in ally.

"Anyone who does not understand the dimensions of the challenge of trying to promote aliyah in the Jewish community of the U.S. would encourage mission," she said.

It would be more appropriate, she said, for the press to encourage efforts rather than predict failure.

"They condemn Israeli interference in Lebanon's internal affairs manifested by its continuous provocations in the south of that country," the communiqué said.

## Moscow reassures Syria

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Since then, the Soviets have sought to restore warmer relations with Syria in an apparent effort to gain leverage in the maneuvering for a possible Middle East peace conference.

Friday's communiqué said that "the Soviet Union and Syria voiced their satisfaction over the current process of normalization of the situation in Lebanon and with the fact that peace and security are being restored in that country under observation of her sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity."

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## Carter

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Israel's prime minister Rabin and Sadat, he said: "I am trying to learn as best I can the attitudes of the different nations that are involved in the Middle Eastern dispute and to try to at least observe and analyze some common ground on which permanent settlement might be reached."

CBS diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb reported yesterday that Khaddam had informed Carter during the meeting that Syria will insist upon an Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 lines and on recognition of "Palestinian rights" as part of any peace settlement.

But the Syrian official had refused to define these rights or to say whether they included the creation of an independent Palestinian Arab state, Kalb said.

Khaddam arrived in Washington from Moscow, where he participated in Assad's talks with Kremlin leaders.

The White House statement said the President had underlined the importance of Syrian participation in Middle East peace efforts and reaffirmed U.S. willingness to help in making additional progress.

## Cabinet

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Officials here are wondering what sort of proposal Washington will come up with to surmount the problem of PLO representatives at Geneva.

Allon is expected to tell the Cabinet today, at any rate, that Washington has denied discussing "maps and lines" with Sadat. The detail, delivered to Israeli diplomats, follows a report from Cairo by journalist Edward Sheehan which said that Carter and Sadat had discussed a proposal for early-warning stations to be strung out along the Jordan River and along a line from el-Arish southwards, following Israel withdrawal.

Allon will also ask cabinet approval for the following ambassadorial appointments: Avraham Kidron — to London; Shlomo Argov — to The Hague; Ephraim Eldor — to Lisbon (after formal establishment of full diplomatic relations. Eldor is now Israeli consul there); Dr. Yoel Barzilai — to Geneva as ambassador to the UN bodies there; and Hagal Dikan, head of the Foreign Ministry's Africa Section — to Venezuela.

See how they run

By Asher Wallfish

In the spirit of the famous jurist who once said "justice must not only be done, it must be seen to be done," it seems that candidates must not only run, they must be manifestly seen to run.

Perhaps that's why Alignment candidate number seven has finally agreed to take an active part in the election campaign of his list. The Alignment spokesman issued a special bulletin to announce this piece of news.

The manifest runner, Moshe Dayan, told the Alignment campaign headquarters, Commerce Minister Moshe Ben-Zion on Friday night, in response to Bar-Lev's request, that he would appear anywhere he was asked, anytime.

The Alignment has meanwhile mended another fence. Its top man, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, went along to the Holon party branch on Friday night, with Bar-Lev, party secretary Meir Zamir, and party veteran Shraga Netzer to persuade the Holonites to forget their grievance over the fact that their favourite son, Mayor Pinhas Eylon, failed to make the Alignment list. After an exhausting debate, the Holonites finally agreed — in return for an apology from the visitors — that they would now become active in the campaign.

The Likud's Yigal Horowitz MK, head of the Likud wing, has protested to the Defense Minister, the Chief of Staff and the Broadcasting Authority, over the cancellation of the soldiers' entertainment programme due to be telecast on Independence Day. C-8 Mordechai Gur was plucked when the Authority refused to let the Defense Minister have a sneak preview of his TV interview, in addition to the regular preview by the Military Censor. Gur promptly refused to let the entertainment be screened. Horowitz said "there's no reason why the soldiers at the front and the civilians back home should be the victims of the authorities' misunderstandings."

Prof. Yigal Yadin, head of the Democratic Movement for Change, is reacting fast these days to the big headlines. He said in Haifa: "Israel should tell the Carter Administration firmly, that it objects to any idea of protecting the country's borders by means of early warning stations. That's a pipe-dream. When the border is a thousand kilometres

from the centre of the country, you can agree to that arrangement; but not when the border is very, very close. All you need is for the technicians to be less attentive one day, and then the enemy will be in the heart of Tel Aviv."

One of Yadin's top lieutenants, Meir Amit, rejected the suggestion in a press interview by Defense Minister Shimon Peres that he and David Golemb would not have quit the Labour Party had they known Peres would head the Alignment campaign. Amit said: "I, Zvi Zamir, Da'at Golemb, Moshe Kelman, Yissachar Shalom and others quit Labour because of the system, not because of the head of the list. The fact that the Labour list is headed by three men who are both insensitive and uninformed about internal and economic subjects merely confirms my view that Labour has missed the bus."

The Independent Liberal Party is warming up in its election campaign. Its former head, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, said Israel should take a positive example from Americans, who are taking the energy crisis seriously in the wake of President Jimmy Carter's latest drive. "We in Israel are behaving like the squandering rich," Kol complained.

Ezekiel Barkai, head of the ILP campaign headquarters, said the only "change" which the Democratic Movement for Change introduced into Israel's political life is to have registered in the U.S. as a foreign agent. "They have a check," Barkai said. "After they blasted Likud leader Menachem Begin for collecting money in the U.S. we had every right to expect DMC not to emulate him."

Barkai has sent out thousands of personally signed postcards to potential voters in what could be a fairly effective propaganda gimmick.

The Aguda and Poale Aguda parties, which worked as a single parliamentary bloc in the present Knesset but decided to run separately for the May 17 elections, signed a formal "reciprocal non-violation" pact on Friday. They may or may not attack other parties, but at least they are committed now not to slang each other.

Balim Kahan, a leading Poale

## Ze'ev Yosifon, 'last Bohemian of Little Tel Aviv,' laid to rest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Ze'ev Yosifon, known as "the last Bohemian of Little Tel Aviv," was laid to rest at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery here on Friday. He died the previous day at the age of 81

after a prolonged illness in an old age home in Rananana. He outlived his wife by three years.

Born in Lodz, Poland, into the Yoskovitz family which boasted many a noted rabbi, Yosifon came to Eretz Yisrael in the early 1920s and helped establish Kibbutz Geshar, near the Jordan River. Later he became the editor of the prestigious quarterly "Mithlaim," published by the Kibbutz Meuhad movement.

A close friend of Avraham Shlonsky, Nathan Alterman and other Tel Aviv literary figures in the 1930s, Yosifon worked for the Histadrut Cultural Centre. Through his efforts, the Telem plan for bringing theatre performances to development areas was initiated.

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, MK, eulogized him at the graveside.

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**Anzac Day 1977**

A service will be held at the Jerusalem War Cemetery, Mt. Scopus, on Monday, April 25, 1977.

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All ANZACS and friends most welcome.

**Anzac Memorial Service**

The Australian Embassy and the Israel War Veterans' League invite Australian and New Zealand residents and visitors, and other interested persons, to a commemorative wreath-laying service at the ANZAC Memorial and Forest, near Kibbutz Beit Shimon, Monday, April 25, at 11.00 a.m.

A bus will leave for the Memorial Service from the Maun Auditorium Square in Tel Aviv at 8.00 a.m.

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## dy of eighth victim recovered cre boat owner held in probe of disaster

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
The owner and operator of a small boat which crashed in the sea off the coast of Tel Aviv on Thursday was held for 15 days on suspicion of negligence and causing the death of eight people who died in the boat.

Searches for additional victims were called off on Friday, the day the eighth victim, Ya'acov Katz, of Kiryat Haim, was found. Katz's body was found in the boat's superstructure. Acre fishermen aided by a boat managed to float the boat in the afternoon. After the boat was towed to the shore, apparently for an inspection by the Transport Ministry's shipping department.

The shipping department has formed a committee of inquiry to investigate the accident. The committee is headed by the chief naval architect, Dr. Paul Shiff, who is also the head of the investigations. The boat which reportedly was carrying 50 passengers — 30 more were rescued — was found a week before the accident the police had carried out a spot on the launch and its owner.

Robert Shumous, 48, who has been remanded on suspicion of responsibility for the accident. Police found everything on board in order and in compliance with the law, coastal police commander Sgan Nitzav Zvi Shalit told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday.

Shalit said the check was made by a police patrol boat, which stopped the launch at sea, while she was carrying passengers on a trip around the walls of Acre.

Robert Shumous, who was at the helm, gave police all the required licences, including a Transport Ministry seaworthiness certificate valid until July 13. The craft had been licensed to carry 20 passengers and two operators. At the time the boat was not carrying more than 20 passengers, Shalit said.

The police also checked her life saving equipment and found it in order. On board were 22 life preservers and two inflatable rubber rafts, for six passengers each.

Meanwhile the Nahariya hospital is still treating some 20 passengers of the ill fated excursion — half of them children — who suffer from exposure and swallowing seawater.

## ports static, or down ightly since January

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
Port levels have remained static since January and may even decline in March, according to figures released by the Ministry of Finance.

The seasonally adjusted level of port activity was \$199.5m., compared with \$227m. in January. The raw data still shows a decline — \$253.5m. as compared with \$248.9m. in February. The overall level, however, is lower, according to seasonally adjusted data, than in the latest available data, which are for December 1976, are 1.5% above the average for 1976 — 1.5% according to seasonally adjusted data, as compared with an average of \$334.0m. for the whole of 1976.

The trade gap, seasonally adjusted, stood at \$122.5m. in December 1976, the lowest monthly figure since the beginning of the year (with the exception of July) and considerably less than the \$143.9m. recorded as the monthly average for the whole of 1976.

Most of the apparent stagnation in the level of exports is due to industrial exports, including diamonds. Diamond exports declined from a high of \$95.7m. in February, to \$76.1m. in January. Other industrial exports have also gone down and, in March, came to \$105.2m. — less than in any month since September 1976.

In real terms the decline of exports seems to have been larger still, for according to the available data the terms of trade have improved slightly — export prices rising somewhat more than import prices.

## for claims hospital conspiracy e less-qualified man his job

A immigrant physician who was discriminated against by a service panel which failed to give him a job he applied for has filed a suit with the High Court of Justice.

Dr. Blatnoi, formerly of the Soviet Union, where he served as a health service in the USSR. High-ranking officials and heads of the government of the secret police sought to prevent him from coming to Israel.

Dr. Blatnoi, who is "finalized" to the many requests of emissaries to emigrate, on the grounds that the emigration of a "less-qualified" man would harm the health service in the USSR.

But, when he got here, there were several months of run-around.

before he got a job at Hillel Yoffe Hospital, Haifa.

There he established the new urology department, for which the Civil Service Commission issued a tender for department head at the end of last year. Dr. Blatnoi lost that tender to another man — although the applicant is "10 times more qualified," he says.

The reason the other man won the tender, the applicant says, is that the panel made a deal with his former boss, who wanted to get rid of him. (The doctor who won the post was formerly deputy head of the urology department at another hospital.)

The High Court of Justice on Friday gave the Civil Service Commission 15 days in which to show cause why it should not reverse the outcome of the tender. It also issued an order barring the employment of the new department head until after the case is settled.

## vait mammoth owner of UK shares

**By MARK SEGAL**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
IN — Kuwait is among the single-shareholders of many companies, with holdings of many hundreds of millions of pounds.

The fact could have a major effect on the battle against the boycott here. This has been the practice of planting trees in the square, forcing traffic close to the houses, is being stopped.

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notify the company of this interest. Until now only holdings of over ten per cent had to be made known. The provision is part of the new regulations protecting firms from illegitimate takeovers. But its immediate result has been to reveal to many firms that one of their owners is Arab, probably Kuwaiti. Not unexpectedly, the next biggest shareholders in the land are large insurance companies, like Prudential and Britannic.

## Radio marathon nets IL150,000 for soldiers

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
Over IL150,000 entered the coffers of the Israel Defence Volunteer Fund, the Soldiers' Welfare Committee and the Fund for IDF Handicapped during a marathon radio show on Independence Day.

Listeners' generosity was evident as they donated money in exchange for hearing a favourite song. Kibbutz Nahsholim gave IL15,000. Several performers, who came to the studio during the 22-hour broadcast, announced that they would donate proceeds from their concerts.

The idea for the "Trumaron" came from Ehud Manor, a veteran on Israel Radio. In light of its success, the Broadcasting Authority has already decided to repeat it next year.

**THE ANZAC soldiers** from Australia and New Zealand who died in the First and Second World Wars will be remembered tomorrow in ceremonies in the Be'er Forest and the Beersheba British military cemetery.



Dr. Mikhail Shtern is pictured at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport Thursday with his wife Ida and son Viktor, after Dr. Shtern flew in from Vienna. He said he will be recuperating in Holland from the trials he underwent in Soviet prison camps. Whether the family will settle in Israel will be determined by a "family council" including his two Israeli grandchildren, Shtern said. Meanwhile, he hopes to meet with Dutch Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep and Israeli Ambassador Avraham Kidron. At the Schiphol press conference, Shtern called attention to the fate of Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Sheharansky and to that of others whose families are already in Israel but who are themselves prevented from leaving. (AP Radiophoto)

## Rumanian writers expel dissident

**PARIS (AP).** — Rumanian dissident Paul Goma was formally expelled from the Rumanian Writers Union at the general assembly of its Bucharest section on Friday, Rumanian sources reported.

The section represents 800 of the union's 1,200 members.

The union made no comment about the expulsion of Goma, who reportedly was arrested earlier this month and has been in prison since. There has been no official information on his arrest, the sources said, adding it was presumably because of

his outspoken defence of human rights.

The sources said "most" of the 150 to 200 persons who had signed Goma's open letters on human rights had lost their jobs in education or other professions and had been forced to do one year's hard labour in factories. They are under constant watch at their homes, the sources said.

They said Goma's wife and son have been evicted from their apartment and given a smaller apartment elsewhere in Bucharest.

## Chile ready for more swaps with Soviet prisoners

**COPENHAGEN (AP).** — The Chilean regime has agreed to exchange 13 political prisoners for 13 prisoners from camps in the Soviet Union, the Danish Sakharov Committee said on Friday.

The committee has sent a list of 13 dissidents to the Soviet authorities, recommending their exchange. But so far there has been no reply from Moscow, the organization said.

The Sakharov Committee is a private human rights organization which last December mediated the exchange of Vladimir Bukovsky, a Russian critic of the Soviet system, for Chilean Marxist leader Luis Corvalan.

The dissidents named included three members of the Soviet branch of Amnesty International: Sergei Kovalev, Eduard Kusnetsov and Vladimir Moros. Also on the list suggested by the Sakharov Committee are Ukrainian nationalist leader Vjatsjeslav Tjernjiev, writer Vladimir Osipov, Georgij Vins, who is head of the illegal Baptist Church in the Soviet Union, and three unidentified women.

## Appeal to Soviet lawyers to back Jewish rights

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists has appealed to the Moscow Bar Association in behalf of Russian Jews wishing to emigrate.

In a cable sent by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, president of the association, it was pointed out that the fundamental human rights of these Jews are violated when they express a wish to emigrate. "They are dismissed from their jobs without legal cause and exposed to persecution in various forms," the cable said.

Calling attention to the great moral and juridical obligation of lawyers everywhere, including the lawyers of the Soviet Union, the cable appealed to Russian lawyers "for full cooperation in the defence of Jews against illegal infringements of their rights."

**GOLDA MEIR** will open today a "From Israel with Love" campaign in which 1,000 varieties of Israeli-made goods will be sold at reductions at Hamashbir Litzachan stores throughout the country.

## Dutch to probe art collector

**THE HAGUE (AP).** — The Dutch Justice Ministry said on Friday that a dossier on the wartime activities of Jacobus van Tilburg, a Dutch immigrant in South Africa, will be forwarded to the attorney general in The Hague for study.

The move follows newspaper reports in South Africa and the Netherlands which have alleged that the 58-year-old Dutchman obtained part of a multimillion dollar art collection from Jews killed in World War II.

The ministry said, however, that at this stage there was no question of an official inquiry.

The ministry said the file relates to van Tilburg's trial in 1948 for conducting contrary to the national interest during the war.

The allegations against van Tilburg, who has lived in South Africa since 1951, followed the donation of his art collection to Pretoria University. The university has said it will return the paintings if the allegations are legally proved.

The Rotterdam daily "Algemeen Dagblad," one of the newspapers investigating the case, said the collection is valued at around \$5m. The paper said there are "big question marks" about its origin.

Van Tilburg, a wartime alderman in the town of Dordrecht near Rotterdam, is said by "Algemeen Dagblad" to have looked after valuables including paintings belonging to Jews taken to Nazi concentration camps.

## Six held in Ramat Hasharon case Special teams probing drug abuse in youth

**By ARTHUR KEMELMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Thirty-five teenagers from suburban Ramat Hasharon have admitted using illegal drugs. Some of them also said they had participated in burglaries to finance the purchase of drugs.

This was revealed Friday morning by police chief Moshe Tlomkin in a hastily convened press conference at Tel Aviv police headquarters. The press conference was called following reports on Israel Radio that as many as 300 youths, primarily from the Ramat Hasharon Comprehensive High School, have been using drugs.

Tlomkin told reporters that, following intelligence reports at the beginning of 1977, a special police unit was set up to investigate the scope of the drug problem in Ramat Hasharon. The seven-man team includes three police investigators with training in psychology, criminology and special education.

Over the past month and a half, Tlomkin said, the team has investigated 60 youths. Many of them had only experimented with drugs occasionally, but some had used them over a longer period.

So far six arrests have been made — three suspected pushers and three students caught in possession of drugs. One of the students also admitted buying and selling drugs.

One of the suspected pushers, Zion Oded, 19, of Ramat Hasharon, has already been in police custody for over 30 days. His remand was extended on Friday, on the authority of the attorney-general, after police said they hoped to bring him to trial in the near future.

Tlomkin noted that 11 youngsters are believed responsible for 26 thefts and two burglaries from local businesses. Some of these thefts, he said, were carried out to obtain money for drugs.

The teenagers, he pointed out, have mainly been using hashish; but

some marijuana and opium has also been found. The students use the drugs at parties, while listening to music, drinking or playing cards. Most of these activities were carried out at private Ramat Hasharon homes, when parents were absent. But police also found that one pusher had rented a local apartment for "pot" parties. No drugs have been found in the school.

The information concerning the investigation has been passed on to the Ministry of Education and the Probation Service. The service has set up a special team of its own to deal with the problem.

Tlomkin also pointed out that the problem of drug abuse among youth was not confined to Ramat Hasharon. The investigating team had also discovered drugs in other northern suburbs of Tel Aviv. Tlomkin refused to give further details. Previous reports, he said, had hurt the investigation.

He said that in the first three months of 1977, 275 persons had been arrested on drug charges as opposed to 655 in all of 1976. Further, in 1977, 400 grams of heroin, 24.7 kilograms of hashish, 66.9 grams of opium and 788 grams of marijuana had been seized in the Tel Aviv Police District. With a problem of this size, it is clear, he said, that drugs filter down to the youth.

Pessah Belkin, head of the Ramat Hasharon Local Council, said that lectures had been delivered about the use of dangerous drugs. But, he pointed out, the class which had heard the most lectures had proven to be one of the centres of drug abuse.

He distributed a communique on behalf of the parents' committee which criticized the radio broadcast. It further stated that the parents had no intention of striking the school, as reports had suggested. But on T.V. Friday night he said parents were mistaken if they thought education began at school.

## Libya farmers reported using Israel-developed fowl serum

**By SHAYA SHAPIRO**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Libyan hens have been inoculated against Newcastle disease with a serum developed by Israel, Aharon Uzan, Minister of Agriculture, revealed in an address to the Engineers Club here on Friday.

"Israel-made equipment is introduced into neighbouring countries by roundabout ways. And new methods developed by Israel are rapidly imitated all over the Middle East. They are often brought over by 'summer visitors' who, while calling on their relatives in Israel, quickly learn the innovations Israel had introduced. If this is not a contribution towards normalization, what is?" Uzan asked.

The Minister noted that growing for exports, begun on a large scale 10 years ago, had caused a revolutionary improvement in the farmer's condition. People who had become farmers much against their own will will now pressure the authorities for opportunities for their

children to continue as farmers, but not all will be able to.

"Many of the problems which engendered the Black Panther unrest were caused by families which had no faith in their future on the land and flocked to the towns," he said. "Today, better living conditions exist in villages than in the urban slums. Strangely, not many think of going back to the farm."

Israel plans to produce 50,000 tons of tomatoes in four years, Uzan said. This year 7,000 tons was planned for, but over 8,000 tons have already been exported. "We know that one day the European market will impose quotas; we must have a sizable share by then."

"But we do not know what to do with the dairy surplus," the Minister added. "Unless *Amiya* increases rapidly, we shall have to cut milk quotas."

Asked about the impact of the shipping strike on farming, Uzan shrugged his shoulders. "We shall be over this nightmare after May 17," he said.

## Tests will show how patient died after anaesthetic

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
PETAH TIKVA. — A post mortem examination is being carried out to determine the cause of death of a local woman who is believed to have died as the result of a hospital-administered anaesthetic. The outcome of the post mortem is expected to be announced later this week.

The dead woman is Itta Rochoreger, 33, mother of three, who was admitted two weeks ago to the Sharon Hospital for minor surgery on her wrist. Preliminary examinations showed the woman to be in good health before the operation.

However, while the anaesthetic was being administered, her heart began to fail. Efforts were taken by the operating-room team to restore her normal heartbeat; but fearing that brain damage had already resulted, Sharon transferred her to Beit Levinstein for special care.

On Friday, April 15, Itta Rochoreger died.

One hospital spokesman noted that, once in several thousand operations, a healthy young person dies under the anaesthetic. But only the full post mortem will determine the exact train of events that preceded Mrs. Rochoreger's death, he added.

## Haim Shiff to open Marina Hotel Tuesday

**TEL AVIV (Itim).** — A new hotel — the Marina — will open here on Tuesday at Namir Square (formerly Kikar Atarim), its new owner Haim Shiff announced on Friday.

Shiff, who owns five hotels already, said the Marina will be a four-star hotel with "popular prices." It will also rent out office space.

Shiff said he bought the hotel from Cial for IL27m., part of which he will pay over a period of 10 years at low interest. In the next three months, he said, he will also open the new Diplomat Hotel in Tel Aviv and the Ariel in Jerusalem.

## Government raises pay of industrial workers

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — The Government will pay its industrial workers an additional 4.75 per cent after signing an agreement to that effect on Friday with the Histadrut. The Histadrut had asked the Government to bring the industrial workers' wages in accordance with recent salary increases in services.

The rises are retroactive to January 1 or April 1, depending on the terms of the labour contracts. The increase will not be included in the basic pay on which cost-of-living allowances are calculated.



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## City defends planting trees in Bograshov Sq.

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THE MIDDLE EAST SCENE

# Challenges for Israel's 30th year

THE PAST WEEK marked Israel's entry into her 30th year, a year which carries the prospect of some of the most crucial challenges in the country's history. The 29th year of independence was a relatively tranquil year during which the nation faced diplomatic, security and economic battles confidently. This despite the fact that turbulence in all spheres was often exaggerated, in line with the national inclination to slow up minor challenges into giant conflicts.

The prime issue Israelis will face in the next few weeks is the quest for political stability, which the May 17

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**Anan Safadi**

lections — it is hoped — will provide. Now that Prime Minister Rabin has effectively stepped down in favour of Defense Minister Moshe Peres — a leading political figure in his own right — there arises a need for a new government strong enough to make decisive moves.

Next comes the economic challenge which focuses on the need to establish orderly labour relations, widespread industrial strife and increase production. All this to prevent a slip in the country's prestigious development rate and to avert its self-sufficiency and lessen foreign dependence, especially on U.S., which is now concentrating increasingly on its own economic in-

stead, there is the security challenge now that Egypt and Syria have been making it clear, through intensified war games, that they will gain choose the military option if current efforts fail to achieve a political settlement to the Middle East conflict — on Arab terms. These challenges and others do not bode Israel of the major task of moving toward a peaceful settlement with her neighbours. The time seems to have come for Israel to outline concrete peace formulas of her own to counter what the neighbour- Arab governments have been presenting as peace overtures.

An Israeli diplomatic initiative appears to be an immediate necessity to complement rather than counter that of U.S. President Jimmy Carter, which is being pushed forcefully in the light of Washington's own interests in the region.

AIRO APPEARED last week to be more active in the area of communication with Washington when it came to initiating, and not only in regard to the Middle East conflict. The Egyptians indicated recently that they have convinced Americans that they had just severed from Israel the monopoly of Soviet influence in this

high achieving little more than this, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last week went out of his way to demonstrate his intensive manoeuvres toward shattering the Soviet and Cuban advance in Africa. Reports from Washington indicate that the Americans viewed Sadat's arm over Soviet influence neither as a ploy for obtaining American aid (including military hardware) nor as a ploy for simply as a potential ally.

UCH OF SADAT'S credibility in Washington depends on the scope of his own influence on Syrian President Hafez Assad, who over the weekend wound up a five-day visit to the Soviet Union. Beyond patching relations, which were strained by Syria's military intervention in Lebanon last year, Assad and the Kremlin leaders seemed far from re-establishing their one-time close alliance. They issued a communique vouching their traditional support for each other's views in the Middle East within the framework of mutual respect.

It was that all they agreed on? The answer is expected to be affirmed when Carter meets Assad in Geneva in two weeks. In any case, real must be prepared for Carter to make a bid of his own to win Assad to his side, as he seems to have done with Sadat earlier this month and will probably do with Jordan's King Hussein during their talks in Washington tomorrow.

## ISRAELI HARMONIC

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# U.S. willing to back Egypt in Africa, but is wary of another Vietnam

WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is said to have spent a remarkable 30 to 40 per cent of his time talking about Africa during his recent meetings with President Jimmy Carter, top congressional leaders and other senior U.S. officials.

This was Sadat's way of demonstrating to the Americans that he was not simply a parochial Arab leader interested only in discussing the Arab-Israeli conflict and bilateral, U.S.-Egyptian issues, such as economic and military assistance to Egypt. Sadat wanted to show that he was in fact a global statesman, someone to whom the U.S. could turn in attempting to counter Soviet penetration of Africa.

Carter and his aides, already impressed by Sadat's "moderation" in seeking ways to reach additional progress towards an Arab-Israeli settlement, were pleased by Sadat's African initiative. In fact, American officials insist that this was probably the most unexpected development of the Sadat visit here. No one really expected the Egyptian leader to be willing to devote so much of his talks here to Africa.

When it comes to African problems, Sadat has good credentials and speaks with authority. He does represent an important African country — being a leader in the Organization of African Unity (OAU). Egypt has crucial strategic interests in that part of the world. Sadat, moreover, is respected by Black African and other Third World leaders.

Thus, it becomes obvious why Washington was anxious to take advantage of Sadat's offer to help the Americans in Africa and why the Americans were ready to promote Egypt's case.

Skeptics here suggest that Sadat's African card was nothing more than a ploy designed to curry favour in Washington. It was done to convince the Carter Administration that Egypt needs U.S. weapons to resist the spread of Communism in Africa — not so much to fight Israel. But the State Department and the White House are firm in dismissing this explanation. "It's too simplistic," one informed source said, although he acknowledged that Egypt stood to gain some side benefits by adopting this pro-American line.

The Americans make the point that Egypt does have real fears resulting from the recent spate of Soviet and Cuban advances in Africa.

LIBYA, which borders Egypt on the west, is already aligned with Moscow despite Colonel Gaddafi's peculiar brand of radical-religious politics. Relations between Libya and Egypt have been strained for several years. The Egyptian-Libyan border has been tense. Last winter, there was a two or three week period when the

State Department was on alert, fearful that actual fighting between the two Arab nations might erupt as Libyan and Egyptian troops massed face-to-face.

Even today, U.S. experts do not rule out the possibility of a Libyan-Egyptian confrontation, although the current assessment is that nothing serious seems likely in the near future. The American intelligence community, careful not to be caught off guard, always hedges in discussing the possibility of fighting between Egypt and Libya because experts here know that it would only take one miscalculation to develop into all out hostilities.



By Wolf Blitzer  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Egypt is also concerned about its southern neighbour, the Sudan. This is because the head waters of the Nile river are located in the Sudan, and Egyptian officials fear that an "unfriendly" government in Khartoum could threaten those waters, so vital to Egypt's very existence.

The present Sudanese government is headed by Jaafar Numeiry, who is friendly to Egypt and the United States. But his regime is weak — and everyone knows it. A coup could break out there any day, and Numeiry might not be so lucky the next time. When Sadat was in Washington, he told a press conference that he was concerned about a pro-Soviet takeover in the Sudan.

Ironically, what Sadat seems to want guaranteed to his southern frontier is exactly what he wants to deny Israel — defensible borders. And Sadat knows that defensible borders for Egypt in the south require a friendly regime in Khartoum.

If pro-Soviet forces succeed in taking over Zaïre, the chances of a coup in the Sudan would seem to have increased. According to U.S. sources, that's why the Egyptian President is so keen on helping Zaïre.

At the White House working dinner hosted by Carter as well as during his luncheon with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sadat spoke eloquently and convincingly about

his fears of the spread of Communism in Africa, especially in the so-called Horn of Africa which includes Ethiopia and Somalia. He pointed out that both of those governments are already aligned with the Kremlin, and, worse yet, Libya.

THE AMERICANS seem convinced of Sadat's genuine intentions. While they deny that Washington and Cairo have set up a formal connection to combat the Soviets in Africa, they do not deny that American-Egyptian interests in that continent seem to have converged.

Sadat realizes that by his standing up as America's ally or surrogate in Africa, he automatically scores important points in the U.S. — a benefit he is very much interested in winning. He wants to endear himself to the U.S. for several reasons:

- so that the U.S. will continue to provide Egypt with a billion dollars a year in economic aid, massive doses of private investment capital and badly-needed technological assistance;

- so that Washington will continue to press for an Arab-Israeli settlement on terms as close as possible to the U.S. will. And this means that the U.S. will have to pressure Israel into withdrawing from the territories captured during the 1967 Six Day War;

- so that the U.S. might yet come around and provide Egypt with sophisticated military equipment, including F-5E fighter bombers and missiles.

Egypt is said to view developments in Africa from the classic, Soviet-American cold war perspective. The rivalry between Washington and Moscow may be shifting from the Middle East to Africa, and Sadat wants to make certain that he is understood as being on the American side. He also wants to prevent a situation whereby he is surrounded by "hostile" states, supported by the Kremlin.

The State Department has been responsive to this Egyptian stand, although American officials maintain that the U.S. is not about to be stampeded into providing Egypt with weaponry as a token of U.S. appreciation. Any U.S. decision to supply arms to Egypt will be carefully considered on the merits, according to top State Department officials.

Washington regards the current situation in Africa as very fluid. The Carter Administration is rightfully concerned over the course of developments there, but the post Vietnam mood here limits U.S. options in providing either direct or indirect U.S. assistance to anti-Soviet forces.

That's why the State Department is so happy to see Egypt help out, even though no one here really knows how much that Egyptian help will mean in the end.

## BETWEEN THE LINES / Hirsh Goodman

THE LIBYAN "al-Jihad" daily last week carried a front page story claiming that Egypt's President Anwar Sadat is deeply involved in a multi-million dollar illicit trade in antiquities.

According to the paper, Sadat's secret trade was revealed when Cairo police earlier this month arrested a well-known petty crook in the city while in possession of antiquities worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. First, the man refused to talk ... "but after a sufficient dose of torture for which the Egyptian police are so well known," he told all he knew, the paper added.

"And how they (the Egyptian police) wished they had not pushed for information!" The man claimed that he was employed by none other than the President of Egypt and that his job was to organize for the smuggling of some of Egypt's most valuable antiquities abroad. He further stated, the paper claims, that he had been working for Sadat for years, and that all in all he had handled millions of dollars worth of illicit merchandise for the president.

"Our relationship has been a long and fruitful one," the paper reports the man as saying.

IN BEIRUT, the wires report that the police have run out of traffic tickets and when a policeman sees an illegally parked car he simply lets the air out of one of its tires. The lack of ticket forms is the least of the Lebanese police's woes, they write. After 20 months of civil war, the national police force has only 7,000 men to do the work of 30,000 — with only 12 patrol cars in all of Beirut.

Worse on those rare occasions when thieves are caught: there are hardly any lockups to keep them in or courts to try them at. Due to the serious situation and the soaring crime rate officials are reported to be contemplating a novel solution — a police draft.

THE EGYPTIAN "Akbar el-Yom" weekly must have the best Readers' Letters section in the Arab world.

# Libya says Sadat selling antiques as a sideline

Last week it published some gems. One from a Ra'af at Abdin who demands that a new law be passed to force all householders to hang lamps outside their windows in Cairo. Since there is little chance the authorities would ever do anything about solving the street lighting situation, he writes, at least let the citizens themselves help out, so that the streets will once again be safe to walk in at night.

The paper also ran a whole series of letters on Indira Gandhi's defeat last month. Ibrahim Marwan writes that it was the Moslems of India who brought Gandhi down. The reason: She refused to supply their brothers in Egypt with MIG jet engines the country so badly needed.

Sobhi Abu Daoud draws another conclusion from Mrs. Gandhi's defeat. "Look," he writes, "Gandhi fell from power after the October 1973 war. Mrs. Peron was ousted from the Argentine, and now Mrs. Gandhi has been defeated in India. The obvious conclusion from this all," he concludes, "is that women should stay out of politics."

THE SYRIAN "Tishrin" daily last week carried a very long and detailed report on Syria's five year development plan which went into effect in 1975. The paper did not note that many of the goals set have been achieved, but at the same time criticized what it called some severe shortcomings. The paper said that by 1980 there will still be 35 per cent of all households — or some three million people — without electricity, and that there will still be 1.5 million people drinking contaminated water. The paper also criticizes the plan's

call for a tremendous increase in the building of tourism facilities at the expense of hospitals in the country. It notes that the plan promises 18,500 more hotel rooms, but only 3,786 more hospital beds for a population expected to number over eight million in 1980.

BUT PERHAPS the planners know what they are doing if we are to judge from two reports in the same daily. The paper carried a letter from the head of the Hasakeh village council who complained that after many years of fighting, the authorities finally built a hospital in his town.

The new hospital was opened with much pomp and celebration on November 16, 1976 — but to this day, not a single patient has been admitted. The reason: The authorities have failed to find a doctor willing to work in the agricultural community, and as a result the inhabitants of the area are still forced to travel for days in order to get any qualified medical help.

On the other hand, we read that 37,869 tourists visited Syria in the first three months of this year — over a third of them from Western countries.

AND BACK to Egypt where in a rare signed piece, the editor of the semi-official "Al-Ahram," Ali Hamdi el-Jammal accused the Kuwaiti press of trying to compete with the Libyans as to who can write the best diatribes against the Sadat regime.

Jammal claimed that the Kuwaiti journalists filing stories out of Cairo would use any piece of information — no matter how unsubstantiated or how false — in order to dig at the Sadat regime.

He said that in most cases, Kuwaiti journalists knowingly file lies about his country — and half-truths are not uncommon.

Jammal noted that he realized long ago that the Kuwaiti press had become purely commercial and that it would stop at virtually nothing in order to sell paper. "but even in commerce some honesty is necessary."

## British F.M. to Cairo today

CAIRO (Reuters). — British Foreign Secretary David Owen arrives here today on a two-day visit during which Egypt will urge Britain to play an active role in achieving a Middle East settlement. It will be Dr. Owen's first Middle East tour since he became Foreign Secretary last February.

Egypt relies heavily on the U.S. to help resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, but also believes the European Economic Community (EEC) should play an active part in negotiations. The British Foreign Secretary is the present chairman of the EEC Foreign Ministers' Council.

A commentator of the Egyptian official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Egypt and Britain both agreed on the need to speed up efforts to settle the Middle East crisis at an early date.

"Britain has supported Egypt's

stand that a Middle East solution, acceptable to the Palestinians, is a cornerstone of any settlement in the region," the commentator said.

The British Foreign Secretary, who leaves for Damascus on Tuesday, will also meet President Sadat, Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem and Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad.

The MENA commentary praised what it called Britain's willingness to help an ambitious Egyptian programme to build a sophisticated weapons industry with the backing of Arab oil money.

"Britain has also refused to submit to Zionist pressure to impose a ban on military supplies to Egypt," the commentator wrote.

Since its rift with the Soviet Union, Egypt has bought aircraft, vehicles and other military equipment from western countries, including Britain.

## Ethiopia raps Egypt for war games

ADDIS ABABA (AP). — The Ethiopian Government Friday accused Egypt of conducting a three-day naval exercise in the Red Sea directed at the Marxist Ethiopian regime.

A Ministry of Information spokesman said the exercise was "clearly directed against the revolution and unity of Ethiopia."

The spokesman said that the exercise, in which destroyers, missile-launching craft and minesweepers took part, can only be a prelude by "reactionary Arab regimes in the area to convert the peaceful Red Sea into a region of conflict to serve the interests of international imperialism."

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UR Malmillian of a shot. Uri Han makes it look easy as he puts in Betar's winning goal past Tel Aviv

Betar's Avraham Liberman at the YMCA stadium yesterday. Tel Aviv back Shraga Topolevsky is at left.

U.S. BASEBALL

burgh beats Mets 4-3

ARK (AP). — Ed Ott's two-run single drove in Phil with the tie-breaking run as the Pirates edged the Mets 4-3 Friday night.

Ott opened the ninth with a sacrifice bunt. Frank Taveras' sacrifice bunt moved the third out. After Ed Ott walked, Lockwood fanned. Moreno, whose looping single had the first run against starter, was in the eighth, lined a left to score Garner with the run.

lets rallied with two runs in the top of the eighth after Dave followed Ott's run-batted-in single with a two-run homer. Ott's homer and put the Pirates ahead 4-3.

National League action, which was interrupted by a rainstorm, resumed with the Cardinals beating the Phillies 10-1. Ted Simmons hit three singles and two runs contributed to a 13-hit victory for Philadelphia that made John Denny's victory of the season a 1-0. Bob Shirley hurled 8 1/3 in-

nings of one-hit ball but weakened after reeling 25 consecutive batters, and Jerry Turner blasted a two-run homer as the San Diego Padres topped the Houston Astros 4-2.

Andre Dawson's bases-loaded infield single in the bottom of the 10th inning scored Tony Perez with the winning run as the Montreal Expos edged the San Francisco Giants 3-2.

Craig Robinson's bases-loaded single capped a two-run rally in the ninth that gave the Atlanta Braves a 6-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In the American League, Roy Smalley, Lyman Bostock and Butch Wynegar hit home runs to account for all of Minnesota's scoring as the Twins defeated the Texas Rangers 4-1.

Four games were postponed by rain — Cincinnati-Chicago in the National League and Boston-Toronto, Baltimore-Detroit and New York-Cleveland in the American.

In American League games on the West Coast, it was Milwaukee at California, Chicago at Oakland and Kansas City at Seattle.

The league standings were not available last night due to transmission difficulties.

ENGLISH SOCCER

Manchester U. in Cup Final for 2nd year

LONDON (Reuters). — Manchester United, who won a 2-1 win over Leeds, reached their second successive English Football Association Cup final this afternoon, but city rivals Everton and Liverpool must fight it out again following a thrilling 2-2 draw.

Manchester wrapped up their place at Wembley in 13 minutes with goals by Jimmy Greenhoff and Steve Coppell.

Leeds, disorganised and dispirited, snatched a goal back in the second half when Allan Clarke made up for an earlier miss by thumping home a penalty.

Liverpool, who clinched their place in the European Cup final in midweek with a 6-1 aggregate win over Swiss champions FC Zurich, looked set to reach their second major final within four days.

Terry McDermott swept them into a 1-0 lead after 10 minutes, but Everton surprised them with fast, attacking soccer. Duncan McKenzie grabbing a 35th minute equaliser.

Against the run of play, Jimmy Case slotted Liverpool into a 2-1 second half lead, but Everton had their supporters roaring with delight when Scottish international Bruce Rioch notched the second equaliser.

In Division One, Ipswich's hopes of landing the League title suffered a severe blow when they slumped to a 1-0 home defeat against Middlesbrough. Victory would have taken Ipswich ahead of current leaders Liverpool, who are chasing a remarkable treble of the championship, FA cup, and European cup.

RESULTS: FA cup, semi-finals: Everton 2, Liverpool 2; Leeds 1, Manchester United 2; ENGLISH LEAGUE, Division 1: Arsenal 2, Coventry 0; Aston Villa 1, Norwich 0; Ipswich 0, Middlesbrough 1; Queens' Park Rangers 1, Newcastle 2; Stoke 0, Tottenham 0; Sunderland 1, Derby 1.

Egypt trails Austria in Davis Cup

VIENNA (Reuters). — Austria took a winning 3-0 lead over Egypt here yesterday in their Davis Cup European zone 'B' third round tennis tie when they won the doubles.

Hans Kary and Cliff Letcher beat Ismail el-Shafel and Tarek el-Sarka 6-3, 6-2, 7-9, 6-2.

ael tennis girls to face India

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

IV. — Israel has been lucky again against India in the first of the 15th annual Federation of International Tennis Federation for women. Colgate is up a total of \$130,000 in prize for the meet, which takes place in London, England, from 18 to 28.

a has had very little experience of international competition. The women's game, and we are about to beat them," globe-trotting champion Peled (Pelsachov) told The Jerusalem Post last week.

27, will lead Israel's team in what will be this country's sole victory to date against India in 1974. She herself has a notable record of four vic-

Levin, who both made their cup debut in Philadelphia last year — when Israel was beaten 3-0 by eventual winner America in the opening round, and then went down 2-1 to Japan in the plate.

No East European countries are participating at Eastbourne. The Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia (then the holders) and Hungary — as well as the Philippines — withdrew from the 1976 tournament in protest against the presence of South Africa and Rhodesia. As a result, all four countries were heavily fined and banned from this year's meet by the International Lawn Tennis Federation.

South Africa is again among the entries in June, and Indonesia has already warned that she will pull out if South Africa plays. The same could well apply to India, which would give Israel a bye into the second round and a match against either fifth-seeded Holland or Uruguay. The Indians declined to play South Africa in the 1974 Davis Cup final, in line with their policy of

refusing all sporting contacts with Pretoria. The following year, the Indian government banned both Israel and South Africa from the world table tennis championships in Calcutta, though until then Israel and India had always enjoyed friendly sporting ties.

Top seeds in the June tournament — in which even entries defeated in the first round are awarded \$500 — are the U.S., 1976 runners-up Britain, Australia and South Africa. To date, Australia has won the cup seven times. The U.S. five, and Czechoslovakia and South Africa once each. The six participants from Asia include Taiwan, making a rare appearance on the international tennis scene.

The three Israeli girls are now working out with new national tennis coach Jackie Saul at Ramat Hasharon. Following her short vacation here, Peled returns to international competition early next month, when she will play the European summer circuit.

TA Maccabi well ahead; Petah Tikva doomed

By PAUL KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Soccer Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi as good as clinched the National League soccer championship yesterday by surging into a six-point lead over Jaffa Maccabi. Rain and wind accompanied most of yesterday's games.

The leaders scored two goals in the second half to beat Jerusalem Hapoel 2-0 and put that team deep into relegation problems. Jaffa Maccabi lost 0-1 in Acre, to a late goal by Shalom Assiyag.

The biggest win of the season in the First Division was Kfar Sava Hapoel's 7-1 trouncing of Petah Tikva Maccabi. This win lifted Kfar Sava into 12th place, and sealed Petah Tikva's relegation.

Haifa Maccabi, with a goal in the last minute, beat Ramat Gan Hakoah 2-1. Beersheba Hapoel, champions in the last two seasons, continue to flounder in 15th spot though drawing 0-0 in Netanya.

busy time showing yellow warning cards.

In Acre, the game was played in a constant downpour. The home-side adapted itself better to the conditions and only a fine display in goal by Jaffa's Heral Kabillo prevented Acre Hapoel scoring several more goals. In the 8th minute, Assiyag pushed in a header by Albert Adrai to put a virtual end to Jaffa Maccabi's championship hopes for this season.

Uri Malmillian and Danny Neuman again produced their best form for Jerusalem Betar. It was a Malmillian goal in the 73rd that put paid to Tel Aviv Betar at the YMCA stadium.

In what may prove to be Haifa Maccabi's most valuable goal of the season, Yaron Parcelani scored with the last kick of the game well into injury time. That goal may save Haifa Maccabi from relegation. Earlier, in the 5th minute, Baruch Maman gave the Haifaite the lead, but in the 74th minute Dror Barnur equalised for Hakoah.

David Lavie appeared to head a winner for Netanya Maccabi in the 93rd minute of play against Beersheba Hapoel, but the referee had just blown his whistle for the end. Seven thousand saw this game, in which Netanya did nearly all the attacking without cracking the Negev team's defence.

Petah Tikva Maccabi took the lead in Kfar Sava in the 9th minute, through Avi Friedman. But this was short-lived, for three minutes later Israel Vogel got the first of his two goals, and two minutes later Dory Almog put the home side into the lead. Further Kfar Sava goals were added by Shmuel Treves, two. Eliezer Fuss and Eli Yoni.

Veteran defender Zvi Rosen came up for a Yehud corner and positioned himself well to shoot past Tel Aviv Hapoel goalkeeper Arie Bejerano in the 75th minute.

It was also Shimonah defenders Shomo Mizrahi and Eli Cohen who scored their side's goals against Haifa Hapoel, who have now gone six games without scoring a goal.

Before 6,000 fans, Bnei Yehuda did all the attacking against Hadera Hapoel, for whom goalkeeper Yitzhak Cohen played an outstanding game. The Bnei Yehuda forwards wanted to walk the ball into the Hadera net, instead of shooting. Hadera Hapoel were seen in attack only in the last few minutes when their Shalom Schwartz missed two fine scoring chances.

Two headed goals by veteran Michael Lapardon gave Holon Hapoel its 2-1 win over Netanya Hapoel.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Netanya Maccabi	0
Kfar Sava Hapoel	7
Shimonah	2
Tel Aviv Maccabi	2
Jerusalem Betar	1
Yehud Hapoel	1
Haifa Maccabi	2
Acre Hapoel	1

STANDINGS (25 games)

	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Tel Aviv Maccabi	14	9	2	42-21	37
2. Jaffa Maccabi	12	7	6	22-15	31
3. Jerusalem Betar	10	9	6	24-15	29
4. Netanya Maccabi	10	9	6	33-26	29
5. Shimonah	9	9	7	28-28	27
6. Yehud Hapoel	7	13	5	17-15	27
7. Tel Aviv Betar	9	7	9	26-23	25
8. Acre Hapoel	7	11	7	26-32	25
9. Tel Aviv Hapoel	6	12	7	28-24	24
10. Hakoah	6	12	7	21-22	24
11. Haifa Hapoel	7	8	9	20-22	23
12. Kfar Sava Hapoel	5	12	8	35-34	22
13. Haifa Maccabi	7	8	10	23-32	22
14. Jerusalem Hapoel	5	10	10	19-25	20
15. Beersheba Hapoel	6	8	11	21-29	20
16. Petah Tikva Maccabi	4	7	14	18-41	15

DIVISION TWO

Holon Hapoel	2
Rishon Lezion Hapoel	1
Ashdod Hapoel	0
Bnei Yehuda	0
Netanya Betar	2
Ramat Gan Hapoel	3

STANDINGS (21 games)

	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Hadera Hapoel	12	7	2	39-23	31
2. Ramat Gan Hapoel	11	8	2	31-12	30
3. Bnei Yehuda	10	9	2	32-15	29
4. Sha'arayim Maccabi	10	6	5	25-13	26
5. Holon Hapoel	8	7	6	20-21	23
6. Petah Tikva Hapoel	7	8	6	30-21	22
7. Rishon Lezion	4	12	5	20-22	20
8. Netanya Hapoel	4	3	10	30-30	19
9. Ashdod Hapoel	3	10	8	14-22	16
10. Netanya Betar	5	6	10	13-23	16
11. Ramat Amichad	1	8	9	16-27	16
12. Hadera Maccabi	4	2	15	14-48	4

GOLF

Fine scores by Maccabiah hopefuls

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

CAESAREA. — Two candidates for the Israel golf team to the Maccabiah games, Neil Shochet and Jonathan Stutzen, returned fine gross 76 scores in blustery, wet weather here yesterday, to take first place in the Alliance medal teams-of-four competition with Solly Shochet and Ovadia Maybar.

The father and son Shochet combination, from Netanya, with Stutzen and Maybar returned a 129 score, two less than the quartet of Arie Rathouse, Alec Davidson, Aubrey Kaplan and Meir Naor.

Stutzen was also a winner, together with Barry Mandel, in a pairs Stableford competition, with 70 points. Mr and Mrs Yulizmasa Kishimoto of the UN in Jerusalem were next best with 69 points.

Iran-Saudia 2:0

TEHERAN (Reuters). — Iran beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 (1-0) on Friday in the final match of the world soccer cup Asian zone group qualifying round in the southern city of Shiraz. Iran had already clinched top place in the group after Syria's withdrawal.

Off to badminton championships

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's team for the first world badminton championships taking place in Malmö, Sweden, from May 3 to 8, leaves for Europe today. The contingent consists of Victor Yussim and David Zacharin, together with Badminton Association founder-president Jeff Geffen.

THIS WEEK at the TEL-AVIV MUSEUM

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Talk on Josef Koudelka by Micha Baram at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16.

DAN REISINGER — DESIGN, 1967-76

LECTURES

Monday, April 25, 8.30 p.m.: In the series, "Urban Landscape from Ancient Times to the 20th Century" (Series 2) — "The Urban Landscape in Renaissance and Italian Drawing," by Dr. Avigdor Possee, The Hebrew University.

CONCERTS

Sunday, April 24, 8.30 p.m.

In cooperation with the Embassy of Finland and the Israel-Finland Association, The Male Choir from Finland Lantun Ustavaton.

Tuesday, April 26, 10.30 a.m.

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Mozart — Sereenada Notturmo, A. Schibler — Concerto for percussion and strings.

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## Energy challenge

PRESIDENT CARTER'S long-awaited new energy policy is less an experiment in economic management than a radical proposal in social engineering with the aim of changing the course the American people have pursued for most of this century.

What is being challenged by the President is indeed what is known as the American Way of Life, a life of collective super self-indulgence, whose attempted emulation by other less fortunate countries has often proved disastrous.

Changing course through a change in national attitudes will be an especially difficult task for the United States. The sheer size of the country and of its society, with a large majority of the population having shared in the material benefits of the Era of Cheap Energy, is one source of expected difficulties.

The political alienation of a substantial part of this majority as a result of Vietnam and Watergate is another. And the American political system of checks and balances, which is intended to ensure minimum government intervention and the ability of organized interests to neutralize any policy departures which they perceive as harmful to themselves, is yet another.

Rumblings of opposition have already come from Congress and this can be expected to take on major proportions in the coming months. In order to succeed, the President will have to go over the head of Congress to enlist the support of the people, and through them the support of that element of the legislature which is open to the call of national, as opposed to special, interests. In order to accomplish this Mr. Carter will need every bit of support he can get from the opinion-making mass media, and there is good reason to interpret the public relations efforts of his first three months in office as having that purpose.

There are several reasons why Israel should be concerned for President Carter's success in putting across his new energy policy.

A more than convincing argument has been made as to the importance of the policy for the strength of the American economy and for America's self-confidence which has been eroded in the traumatic seventies. Both aspects are important for Israel as an ally and admirer of the U.S.

It goes without saying that Israel is vitally interested in any development which is intended to reduce American dependence on Arab oil and American susceptibility to Arab oil blackmail. There is much to be said in favour of the Carter Administration devoting its main energy and attention to such a major domestic challenge rather than to such naively illusory and dangerous notions as bringing off a *tour de force* final solution of the Arab-Israeli dispute which has defied well-intentioned efforts for close to three decades.

And finally, successful implementation of such a novel policy in America is sure to have a salutary demonstrative effect upon Israel, helping us bring about an even more urgently needed about-turn to a national life style more in keeping with our own political and economic realities.

## Zaire can help itself

THE CONFLICT over the Shaba province of Zaire is obscured in a mist of confusion and contradictions. The facile interpretation is to see it all as a straightforward confrontation between a Marxist Angola, Russian-backed, and a democratic Zaire, American-backed.

The reality is more complicated. President Mobutu's regime is not exactly liberal, and there is a lot of antagonism among its own population. The Shaba province, formerly Katanga, contains all the country's mineral wealth, and is exploited by the authorities in Kinshasa. This is a long-standing grievance, and the secessionist attempt by the late Moïse Tshombe dates back to the time when the Belgian Congo (as Zaire was previously called) first achieved independence.

The present invading force has moved in from Angola, but seems to consist mainly of Katangese expatriates. The Russians and the Cubans outdo each other in protesting that they have no part in it. But the evidence suggests that they are involved. The Katangese invaders were trained by Cubans. Moscow denounces Western aid to Mobutu, and Peking denounces the invasion of Zaire, which it declares to be instigated by the Soviet Union. The point is that the Russian sphere of influence is expanding in Africa — into Angola, Mozambique and, most recently, Ethiopia (not to speak of Algeria and Libya in the North).

Fortunately there is an element of restraint on both sides. The Russians realize that, unless they keep a low profile, the best arguments of the Western non-interventionists will go by the board. President Giscard d'Estaing, who wants to protect what he sees as the second biggest French-speaking country in the world (25m. inhabitants) from a Communist take-over, did not dare do more than supply transport planes — to help bring reinforcements, not from France but from Morocco.

All sides are trying to keep this a strictly African affair; to the extent that the local pygmies, with their bows and arrows, have had a field day.

The Organization of African Unity has sent its Secretary-General to investigate. He would do well to persuade Mobutu that the best way to security for his regime would be through internal reform. The Shaba province must be given an appropriate say in the country's affairs. Letting this territory, and its abundant natural resources, fall into the hands of the secessionists and their backer, Agostinho Neto of Angola, is no solution.

## Abba Eban

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# MANAGING LABOUR'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN

"THE LABOUR PARTY'S new plank on the peace-and-territories issue says in plain Hebrew that, in return for peace, Israel under the party's continued leadership would be prepared to make territorial concessions on all three fronts, and very specifically including the West Bank."

"The platform does not justify such territorial concessions for anything short of peace."

The speaker is Haim Bar-Lev,

Minister of Commerce and Industry

and head of the Labour Alignment's

campaign committee.

Bar-Lev, who was interviewed at the

Ministry in Jerusalem last week, admits

that the main difference between the present and the previous

Labour Party planks on the peace-and-territories issue is a semantic

one, intended to sharpen the contrast between Labour's position and that

of the Likud.

The previous plank did not rule out

negotiations on territorial concessions

on the West Bank. Bar-Lev does

not confirm but neither does he deny

that direct talks had been held in the

past with King Hussein on a version of the

Allon Plan — which had been rejected outright by Hussein.

Such talks were not prevented by the

earlier party position.

The problem, Bar-Lev feels, is that

the previous position was vague enough to

permit widely differing interpretations. "Now," he says, "it is

much clearer. Anyone remaining in the

party after the adoption of this plank is

assumed to agree with the principle of

concessions in Judea and Samaria in

return for peace."

THE REFERENCE to "anyone remaining in the party" is

obviously to the departure of Mordechai Ben Porath

and to the decision of Moshe Dayan to stay with Labour.

Isn't Dayan a problem in this regard?

At this point Bar-Lev turns formalist. Dayan's staying on the

Labour list should serve as an admission

that he is running with a party that has

officially adopted a clear-cut attitude on

such territorial concessions, he says.

Bar-Lev adds that he, too, favoured

the overture made to Dayan in the

letter from a substantial number of

Labour candidates. This proposed

the submission of the issue to new

elections if and when it comes to

implementing a territories for peace

trade-off, should a coalition partner

so demand.

So what has changed? Could a

Labour government have gone to a

renewed Geneva conference

sometime in late 1977 on the basis of

the old mandate? Apparently, yes. What

was needed, and what was obtained

from the February convention, was a

semantic change helping Mapam to stay

in the Alignment, and sharpening the

difference between the Alignment and the

Likud in the present electoral campaign.

BAR-LEV MADE a name for himself

by his unflappability, a characteristic

which persuaded Golda Meir to "parachute" the

ex-Chief of Staff into her Cabinet at the

beginning of 1972 over the anguished

protests of middle-level politicians

who had been hoping for such advancement

themselves.

One of the union officials declared

that the work of thousands of people

had enabled the two employers "to

buy their expensive toys" and that

the once prosperous factories had

been sacrificed to the brothers' mad

passion.

The Schlumps had been about to

open their museum to the public (at

\$10 a ticket) when they decided to

leave France.

Labour still has a pretty good chance of coming out ahead in the national elections, according to the party's unflappable campaign manager, Haim Bar-Lev, below. He was interviewed last week by YOSEF GOELL.



One would assume that the head of the Alignment's campaign committee would be tearing his hair out in fear that the election might lead to a non-Labour government for the first time ever.

Every hair is in place, however, and Bar-Lev seems to be overseeing the conduct of the campaign with the same equanimity which characterized his leadership of the army before the Yom Kippur War — and of the Southern Command, where he was dispatched by Premier Meir to restore order in the first traumatic days of the war.

All is far from lost. Bar-Lev believes. Both published and internal polls indicate that a large proportion of the electorate have not yet made up their minds. And, he feels, the Alignment does have an impressive record on which it can run, in addition to being identified as the party most open to initiatives which could lead to peace.

This record, he insists, coupled with the fact that it is the only major party with a Zionist, worker, and *hakhsitic* pioneering image, should help Labour maintain its power. When asked to detail what he meant by worker and *hakhsitic* images, Bar-Lev falls back on the notion that it is important to keep the Histadrut "as not merely a trade union."

The implication in this emphasis is that a government dominated by either the Likud or the Democratic Movement for Change would be induced to dismantle the Histadrut in its present form. This, he claims, would be bad for the country, for the Histadrut has proven itself to be a crucial mechanism for the develop-

ment of Israel. "It would be unthinkable," he says, "to envision the building of Israel without the Histadrut and the labour settlements."

As to the Labour government's

specific record in domestic affairs,

Bar-Lev feels that it is natural for it

to consist of lights and shadows, with

the balance being definitely on the

cheerful side, which should redound

to the Labour Party's advantage.

There are however some serious

misunderstandings as to the meaning

of the word "reparations." For the

Egyptian Jews, it does not mean a

return to Egypt and taking up residence

there again, as President Sadat implies;

we were expelled from our homes once, and since then

Egypt has ceased to be our home.

Now our home is Israel, and we do

not intend to leave it.

"Reparations" to the Egyptian

Jews means being reimbursed for all the

vast property which was forced to

leave behind when we were turned out

of Egypt. From a social and economic

prosperous middle-class society of

bankers, lawyers and merchants, the

Egyptian Jews became overnight

homeless and penniless. Our homes,

our beautiful ancient synagogues,

our Jewish schools, our hospitals,

our youth clubs — all were confiscated.

The tragedy of the Egyptian Jews, as

well as that of the Jews from other

Arab countries is, unfortunately, still

relatively unknown in the Western

World.

LABOUR, he declares, is the only

major party committed to a policy of

no unemployment even in these difficult

times. It has stuck to this policy in the

last three years, and it will continue to

do so.

Its handling of the problem of

dwindling foreign currency reserves has

been impressive. Compared with the

dangerously bare cupboard it represented

in 1974, the reserves situation today is

infinitely better. The policy of creeping

devaluations is a great improvement over

the previous system of sporadic large

scale devaluations which used to be

unduly postponed, because of

understandable reluctance to resort to

such shock mechanisms.

The government's implementation

of the recommendations for family

support payments may also be seen as

one of the brightest jewels in the

corona of the Labour administration.

The major problems in the

domestic field, Bar-Lev contends, are

inflation, labour relations in the

public sector, and the ordering of the

capital market. The implication is

that a party that has done so

impressively well in other areas could

be trusted to apply its power and

knowhow to tackling these as yet

unsolved problems, too.

As head of his party's electoral

campaign, Bar-Lev is something of an

anomaly. Never a party politician

before his appointment to the

Cabinet, he has kept rather aloof

from party politics in the ensuing

five years. In explaining his taking

on the new job he resorts to the

traditional chestnuts of party

stalwarts: "My comrades thought

that I was suited for the job, and I

felt that it would provide an interesting,

albeit temporary, challenge. So I

took it." The "the party-called-so-I-

answered" line fits Bar-Lev, and it

must be one of the *de rigueur* stock

phrases he picked up while switching

careers.

While Bar-Lev declines to speak of

his own plans beyond emphatically

disclaiming any ambitions in the

direction of the Ministry of Finance,

there is more than a faint impression

left that he feels five years in the

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

has been more than enough. His

taking on the present, eminently

political post may be an indication of

Bar-Lev's intention to establish his

credentials as a basis for moving on

to bigger and better things, if and

when Labour forms the next govern-

ment.

It is a reasonable assumption that

any man who can assure that it is

merely a question of "when" and not

"if" will have Labour's king and

prince makers very much beholden

to him when it comes time for the

distribution of the party's power

strongholds.

## READERS' LETTERS

### THE TRAGEDY OF THE EGYPTIAN JEW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — Together with the rest of the

80,000 Jews who were evicted from

Egypt since 1948, I was glad to learn

that Egypt was at last standing forth

to compensate the Egyptian Jews

now living in Israel and other coun-

tries, as recently announced by

senior Ministry of Interior officials

in Egypt. I am an Egyptian-born

Jew of many generations, who was

turned out of Egypt together with

thousands of others in 1949. We had

to leave our homes and all our

property and belongings behind.

There are however some serious

mis